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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Chiarello, *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/344,226
Filed: 06/25/99
Entitled: Rhodamine-Based Fluorophores Useful As Labeling Agents

Group No.: 1626

Examiner: T. S. Scola

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dated: February 23, 2001

By:

Traci E. Light

Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	19	—	20	0	×	18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	—	3	0	×	78.00	\$0.00

Three Month Extension of Time \$870.00

SUBTOTAL \$870.00

Small Entity 50% Filing Fee Reduction — \$435.00

TOTAL DUE \$435.00

1. A check in the amount of \$435.00 is attached.
2. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees necessary for extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1290. An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
3. Petition for extension of time. The undersigned attorney of record hereby petitions for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, as may be required, to file this response.
4. Power of Attorney by Assignee (Revocation of Prior Powers).

Dated: February 23, 2001

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 24, 2000

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2000, please enter the following amendments and arguments in the above captioned application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 2.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of labeling an organic compound for fluorescent detection, comprising:
providing a fluorophore having the structure illustrated by Formula A

FORMULA A

